

# The Village of Northfield

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 8, 2020

The Office Suite HD Video Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nehez at 7:30 p.m.

The **ROLL CALL** was read by Ms. Potvin. The following officials were present: Mayor Nehez and Councilpersons Nick Magistrelli, Jenn Domzalski, Renell Noack, Keith Czerr, Gary Vojtush, and Alan Hipps. Also present for the meeting were Law Director Brad Bryan, Finance Director/Clerk of Council Jennifer Potvin, and Engineer Rich Wasosky.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes for the June 24, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The June 24, 2020 Minutes were approved.

### **REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Jesse Nehez** – Mayor Nehez reported on the damage from the recent storm. Some businesses and houses flooded, including the MGM. All of the downed wires were repaired in a timely fashion.

**Finance Director, Jennifer Potvin** – Ms. Potvin reported the Village received its first allotment of the CARES Act funds in the amount of \$102,000. She is waiting for further information about the mechanics for the handling of the funds and the timing of the second allotment. The Village Audit for the years 2018 and 2019 continues to proceed in an orderly fashion

**Engineer, Rich Wasosky** – Mr. Wasosky reported the contractor for the Houghton Road Project submitted the as-built drawings and survey. Once the signed final pay sheets are received, the Project will be complete. It will come in around \$100,000 under budget. Next, Mr. Wasosky discussed the flooding issues experienced in the Village during the July 7 storm. The two major areas were the Plaza in which Russo's Pizza is located and the vicinity of Roosevelt and Monroe Drive. Mr. Wasosky stated the upstream sewers along and across Rt. 8 in the area of that plaza are undersized. Mr. Wasosky is in the process of evaluating the cost and efficacy of various permanent and temporary options to help alleviate the flooding problems for that property. Regarding the issues in the area of Roosevelt and Monroe, the problem can be corrected by replacing the existing 425 foot 18 inch sewer pipe with a 30 inch RCP storm sewer, the replacement of four catch basins, and the addition of two new catch basins. His cost estimate for that work is \$150,000. Mr. Hipps asked if the problem could be solved more economically by installing an underground basin to hold the stormwater until the sewer pipe can handle the flow. Mr. Wasosky stated that solution would be more expensive. Mr. Vojtush asked if the Village was liable to the homeowners that experienced flooding since the size of the sewer is inadequate. Mr. Wasosky and Mr. Bryan stated the Village is not liable because it is a design issue rather than a maintenance issue.

**Law Director, Brad Bryan** – Mr. Bryan presented the May and June Mayor’s Court Monthly disbursement reports for acceptance by Council. A motion for acceptance was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. All were in favor; none were opposed. The motion was adopted. Mr. Bryan stated the Village is waiting on further information and feedback from the developer about the proposed Clover Development senior housing project that would be located behind the nursing home. Information in the project will be submitted to Council once that information and feedback is received. He also reported the Village has been approached by a property owner that is interested in donating a parcel of land to the Village that is adjacent to the Pitluk Preserve. Mr. Bryan stated he is in the process of working out the details of that donation with the property owner.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**Police Department, Chief Zolcus** – Chief Zolcus will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Fire Department, Chief Jason Buss** – Chief Buss will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Service Dept., Jason Walters**– Mr. Walters will be present at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**Planning Commission, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**Recreation Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated two applications were received for the vacancy on the Board. He is in the process of evaluating the candidates and may present someone for Council approval at the next Council Meeting.

**Cemetery Board, Mayor Nehez** – Mayor Nehez stated there is nothing of note to report for the Cemetery Board.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Finance Committee, Mr. Magistrelli** – No report.

**Roads and Public Works, Ms. Domzalski** – Ms. Domzalski stated she has been in communication with Mr. Walters and the Mayor about the Route 8 flooding issues that have already been discussed this evening.

**Health and Welfare, Mr. Czerr** – No report.

**Wages and Working Conditions, Mr. Vojtush** – No report.

**Fire and Safety, Ms. Noack** – No report.

**Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Hipps** – No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

**Resolution No. 2020-21, An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Contract for the Village's Insurance Policies with Selective, Hanover, Cincinnati, Hudson, and Indemnity Insurance Companies through Wichert Insurance Agency (Second Reading)**

The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Mr. Vojtush and seconded by Mr. Magistrelli. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The motion was approved. A motion to pass was made by Ms. Noack and seconded by Mr. Vojtush. Roll call vote: Mr. Czerr-yes; Ms. Noack-yes; Mr. Vojtush-yes; Mr. Magistrelli-yes; Mr. Hipps-yes; Ms. Domzalski-yes. The Resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2020-22, An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 660.14 Of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Unclean Premises (First Reading)**

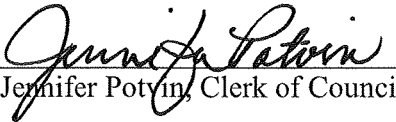
The Resolution was read by title by Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan recommended no action be taken on this Ordinance this evening and that it advance to a second reading at the next Council Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Domzalski and seconded by Ms. Noack. All were in favor of the motion; none were opposed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved by Council.

  
Jennifer Potvin, Clerk of Council

